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FOLLOWING REPEAT BERN 2477 ACTION SECSTATE WHITE HOUSE 01 JUN 77

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERN 2477

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WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

EO 11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: PFOR, AFSP, CU, SZ, CZ
SUBJ: US INTERESTS SECTION IN SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA

REF: STATE 124850

1. I CALLED ON FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT FIRST
DIVISION CHIEF ANTON HEGNER TODAY AND DELIVERED NOTE ON US
INTERESTS SECTION IN HAVANA AS INSTRUCTED. HEGNER WAS ACCCOMPANIED
BY FOREIGN INTERESTS SERVICE CHIEF DE DARDEL AND ALFRED RUEGG
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OF SECOND POLITICAL DIVISION.

2. FEDERAL COUNCILOR GRABER, WITH WHOM HEGNER MUST
CONSULT, IS IN GENEVA TODAY FOR THE FOURTH CONFERENCE ON
HUMANITARIAN LAW, BUT HEGNER WILL TRY TO REACH HIM THERE AND
GET US AN ORAL SWISS RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE AS SOON AS HE CAN.
SWISS WILL THEN FOLLOW UP IN WRITING.

3. DE DARDEL NOTED THAT SWISS INTERESTS SECTION CHIEF IN HAVANA, IS LIVING IN US RESIDENCE AND OTHER SWISS ARE ALSO LIVING ON US PREMISES. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE OF THESE SWISS, POINTING OUT THAT HOUSING CONDITIONS IN HAVANA ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. HE SUGGESTED THAT OUR SURVEY TEAM DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS WITH AMB SERRA. I RESPONDED THAT

THIS APPEARED TO BE THE THRUST OF PARA D OF OUR NOTE AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT OUR SURVEY TEAM MEMBERS WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT.

4. DE DARDEL ALSO NOTED THAT SWISS HAVE STARTED SOME REPAIRS AND REFURBISHING OF OUR PROPERTIES UNDER SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES AND GENERAL LACK OF MATERIALS.

5. I EXPRESSED THE DEEP GRATITUDE OF THE US GOVT FOR SWISS REPRESENTATION OF US INTERESTS IN PAST YEARS AND THEIR CONTINUING HELP IN TUS.
DAVIS.
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER.

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